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MEMORANDUM FOR: General Walter Bedell Smith  
Director of Central Intelligence

Subject: Status Report on the National Psychological Effort  
and First Progress Report of the Psychological  
Strategy Board (PSB D-30)

The attached Status Report on the National Psychological Effort and First Progress Report of the Psychological Strategy Board (PSB D-30), is distributed on a limited basis to the Members of the Board for their consideration and approval at the fourteenth meeting of the Board, August 7, 1952. This report was prepared pursuant to the memorandum of May 29 from the Executive Secretary of the National Security Council to the Director, requesting a status report on the national psychological program as of June 30, 1952 to replace certain sections of the NSC 114 series.

Mr. Lay's memorandum, and the reporting outline attached to it, were submitted to the Board at its thirteenth meeting, June 12, as PSB E-3. Final action on this item was deferred pending clarification of the intent of certain points in Mr. Lay's memorandum. As a consequence of informal discussions between my staff and Mr. Lay's staff, it was agreed that this report should cover the status of the national psychological effort and the progress of the Psychological Strategy Board in its assigned responsibilities during the fiscal year 1952. This report was originally due August 1, but Mr. Lay's office acquiesced in the Staff's request to allow postponement for the purpose of fitting it into the Board's meeting schedule.

Upon approval by the Board, this report, with annexes A to E, will be classified TOP SECRET for YES ONLY handling. The report will receive a severely limited distribution in this form.

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Director

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